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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS-MEMORY CORES, SEMI-CONDUCTORS, INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS

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1. BOTH VICE PREMIER IVAN POPOV AND FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER
FOREIGN TRADE ANDREY LUKANOV HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION
REGARDING DELAYS IN EXPORT APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CON-
TRACTS WITH IZOTIMPEX.

A) CONTROL DATA CONTRACT FOR MEMORY CORES WAS APPARENTLY
SIGNED SOME TIME AGO.

B) ROCKWELL CONTRACT FOR \$2.5 MILLION WORTH OF SEMI-
CONDUCTORS AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITS WHICH WAS APPARENTLY
SIGNED SOME TWO YEARS AGO. APPARENTLY THERE WAS SOME
QUESTION INITIALLY AS TO WHETHER THESE ITEMS WOULD HAVE
CERAMIC CASINGS (MORE DURABLE AND PRESUMABLY OF MILITARY
VALUE) OR PLASTIC CASINGS. ACCORDING TO POPOV, BULGARIA
ONLY WANTS CIRCUITS WITH PLASTIC CASINGS WHICH HAVE
NO STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE.

2. AS THEY INDICATED WHILE IN WASHINGTON, POPOV AND
LUKANOV WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY
IN APPROVAL OF THESE LONG-STANDING CONTRACTS. WE WOULD
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APPRECIATE STATUS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH

MAY BE AVAILABLE SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

3. EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF A NUMBER OF STATE AIRGRAMS SUCH AS FOR EXAMPLE A-8066, A-8068, A-8069, AND A-8092

DESCRIBING CASES WHICH US DELEGATION OECD REQUESTED SUBMIT TO COCOM. THESE AIRGRAMS, HOWEVER, DO NOT REFER TO COMPANY SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT WHICH LIMITS THEIR VALUE IN MONITORING TRADE DEVELOPMENTS AND IDENTIFYING STAGE AT WHICH EXPORT APPROVAL HAS REACHED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER SUBMISSION REQUESTS TO COCOM WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY COMPANY INVOLVED IN CONTRACT.

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